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**EXECUTIVE ORDERS, PROCLAMATIONS OF
GENERAL APPLICABILITY, AND STATEMENTS
ISSUED BY THE GOVERNOR
PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 41-1013(B)(3)**

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**Executive Order 2007-01
Ensuring Quality in Long Term Care**

[M07-07]

WHEREAS, living with independence and dignity is essential for all Arizonans, regardless of age or disability; and

WHEREAS, currently 40,000 Arizonans receive institutional or community-based long term care services each year; and

WHEREAS, the state of Arizona is committed to ensuring long term care quality; and

WHEREAS, those needing long term care are among our most frail and vulnerable residents, with the majority of people in nursing homes being over age 75; and

WHEREAS, the population of Arizonans over the age of 85 will increase by 102% within the next fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Department of Health Services (DHS), the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), and the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) are already working with program contractors to focus on quality issues in long term care facilities; and

WHEREAS, coordination between various public and private organizations should continue to encourage a culture of quality in long term care; and

WHEREAS, while Arizona's health care professionals are tremendously skilled and dedicated, more needs to be done to improve the quality and safety of patient care; and

WHEREAS, Arizona's families deserve quality services and access to accurate information and resources to assist them in making well-informed decisions about long term health care; and

WHEREAS, all consumers of long term care services have certain rights, should be informed as to what those rights are, and should have access to quality assistance in ensuring those rights are upheld;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this State, hereby order and direct as follows:

1. DHS, DES, and AHCCCS shall develop a comprehensive three-year strategy to improve quality in long term care, including focusing on nursing homes in the first year, assisted living in the second year, and community care in the third year.
2. DHS, AHCCCS, and DES, in collaboration with program contractors and the long term care industry, shall set goals and take measures to reduce Arizona's rates of pressure ulcers and restraint use in nursing homes, with a minimum goal of achieving and/or sustaining rates well below the national average.
3. AHCCCS, DHS, and DES shall work together with the Arizona Long Term Care System program contractors to address and correct quality of care deficiencies in long term care facilities.
4. Beginning in FY08, and to the extent permitted by law, DHS shall develop incentives for nursing homes that have achieved top quality care, based on criteria set by the Department and as measured and verified through the annual survey and quality rating processes.

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5. DHS, AHCCCS, and DES shall enter into intergovernmental services agreements, using existing resources, to jointly staff a full-time position within the DES Division of Aging and Adult Services to work with community advocates, long term care providers, community colleges and other entities as deemed necessary to address the shortage of long term care direct care support professionals in Arizona.
6. DHS shall continue to take the lead in holding conferences to educate direct care staff about how to prevent pressure ulcers and properly use restraints, with the next such conference to occur before the end of 2007.
7. DHS shall post Quality Ratings of individual nursing homes on the Department's website by no later than July 2007.
8. DHS shall also post regulatory surveys for nursing homes and assisted living facilities on its website to provide consumers with quality information about assisted living facilities beginning no later than January 2008.
9. DHS, AHCCCS, and DES shall collaborate to develop a Consumer's Long Term Care Toolkit to provide Arizona families with the information, resources, and guidance needed to make informed decisions about long term care.
10. DHS, during its survey process of nursing homes and assisted living facilities, shall foster better understanding and compliance with federal law regarding the provision and appropriate explanation of the Residents' Bill of Rights to all residents.
11. By July 2009, the Interagency Council on Long Term Care is requested to recommend a Bill of Rights for consumers of home and community-based long term care services.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 8th day of January in the Year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-First.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
SECRETARY OF STATE

Executive Order 2007-02
Expanding Arizona's Transportation Options

[M07-08]

WHEREAS, Arizona is now the fastest growing state in the nation, adding new residents at the rate of 3.6 percent annually; and

WHEREAS, Arizona's explosive growth has burdened its infrastructure, including its transportation systems; and

WHEREAS, Arizona remains predominantly reliant on the automobile, and our rapid growth has caused unprecedented congestion on our highways and surface streets; and

WHEREAS, time spent caught in traffic represents a "time tax" to motorists and hinders Arizonan's ability to work productively, contribute to their communities, be with their families, and enjoy the blessings of our state; and

WHEREAS, to sustain Arizona's growth and prepare for its future, new transportation strategies must be explored and developed rapidly;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the

Constitution and the laws of this State, hereby order and direct as follows:

1. The Arizona Department of Transportation ("ADOT") is directed to provide, within the next 90 days, a detailed list of options for mass transit, commuter rail and/or light rail to serve and connect as efficiently as possible those Arizona communities for which such options would be cost-effective. The report should include preliminary estimates of the cost of each option; an assessment of whether and how the private sector could be encouraged to offer or assist with each option, and, to the extent public money is required, recommendations regarding how to finance each option.
2. Copies of the report shall be distributed to the Governor, the President of the Arizona Senate and the Speaker of the Arizona House of Representatives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 8th day of January in the Year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-First.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
SECRETARY OF STATE

Executive Order 2007-03
Improving Air Quality

[M07-09]

WHEREAS, between November 1, 2005, and March 31, 2006, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) issued twenty-five High Pollution Advisories for particulate matter, significantly more than in previous years; and

WHEREAS, ADEQ already has issued seven High Pollution Advisories for particulate matter since November 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Arizona remains in a condition of prolonged drought such that particulate matter is more easily generated and transported and accumulates in greater concentrations in the air; and

WHEREAS, particulate matter pollution is generated by construction, sand and gravel mining operations, landscaping and grounds maintenance activities, on- and off- road motor vehicle operation, vacant lots, unpaved shoulders, unpaved alleyways, unpaved roads, agriculture and other activities that create dust; and

WHEREAS, a portion of Maricopa County has not yet attained the federal National Ambient Air Quality Standard for particulate matter despite the December 31, 2006, deadline to do so; and

WHEREAS, Arizona will be required to submit a State Implementation Plan to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by December 31, 2007 to achieve particulate matter emission reductions of at least 5% annually until the federal National Ambient Air Quality Standard is met; and

WHEREAS, a portion of Maricopa County and Apache Junction in Pinal County has not yet attained the federal National Ambient Air Quality Standard for eight-hour ozone; and

WHEREAS, Arizona is required to meet the eight-hour ozone standard by June 15, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Arizona must submit a State Implementation Plan to EPA by June 15, 2007, demonstrating how the eight-hour ozone standard will be met by the June 15, 2009, deadline; and

WHEREAS, attainment of the eight-hour ozone standard hinges on air quality in the three-year period 2006 through 2008; and

WHEREAS, the eight-hour ozone standard was exceeded on thirteen days between April 1, 2005 and September 30, 2005, and on eleven days between April 1, 2006 and September 30, 2006 in the non-attainment area; and

WHEREAS, ozone pollution is caused predominantly by emissions from motor vehicles, but is also contributed to by emissions from gasoline-powered equipment (including landscaping and off-road equipment) and emissions from gasoline storage and dispensing equipment; and

WHEREAS, while Pima County is in attainment for the federal National Ambient Air Quality Standards for particulate matter and ozone, Pima County has experienced increased levels of those pollutants; and

WHEREAS, Maricopa County, Pima County and Pinal County are experiencing significant growth that threatens to further impair air quality; and

WHEREAS, the Maricopa County area is one of only two areas in the United States required to reduce its particulate matter (PM₁₀) emissions by 5% every year until the federal PM₁₀ standard is achieved; and

WHEREAS, elevated levels of particulate matter and ozone air pollution can cause respiratory problems and other adverse health effects for people, especially children, seniors and other sensitive populations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, by virtue of the powers vested in me as Governor by the Arizona Constitution and the laws of the State, do hereby order as follows:

1. By March 31, 2007, ADEQ shall develop an Air Quality Improvement Action Plan with recommendations to the Governor for strategies to reduce particulate matter and ozone pollution in Arizona and to meet the federal National Ambient Air Quality Standards for particulate matter and ozone.
2. In compliance with requirements to be developed by ADEQ, any State agency, board or commission that proposes to carry out or approve a future State-funded project relating to transportation in Maricopa County, Pima County or Pinal County that is anticipated to have a significant impact on ozone pollution shall prepare an Air Quality Impact Report containing at a minimum the information specified in A.R.S. §§ 49-453(A)(1-7) and subject to the exceptions outlined in A.R.S. §§ 49-453(C) & (D). The report shall be filed with the Director of ADEQ for ADEQ's review and approval at least 180 days before the agency, board or commission makes a final decision on the transportation project.
3. Any State agency, board or commission that proposes to carry out or approve a future State-funded project relating to transportation in Maricopa County, Pima County, or Pinal County that is anticipated to have a significant impact on particulate matter pollution shall, in compliance with requirements to be developed by ADEQ, go beyond statutory requirements to prepare an Air Quality Impact Report containing at a minimum the information specified in A.R.S. §§ 49-453(A)(1-7) and subject to the exceptions outlined in A.R.S. §§ 49-453(C) & (D). The report shall be filed with the Director of ADEQ for ADEQ's review and approval at least 180 days before the agency, board or commission makes a final decision on the transportation project.
4. In compliance with requirements to be developed by ADEQ in consultation with the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA), all State agencies shall cease the use of leaf blowers, gasoline-powered lawn mowers and other pollution-causing landscape maintenance equipment on State property and at State facilities in Maricopa County, Pima County and Pinal County by June 30, 2007.
5. In compliance with requirements to be developed by ADEQ in consultation with ADOA, all State agencies shall hereafter purchase and use only low-emission gas cans and shall over time replace all gas cans currently in use by State agencies that are not low-emission cans.
6. In compliance with requirements to be developed by ADEQ in consultation with the Arizona State Land Department and ADOA, and to the extent permitted by law, any State contract for the sale or lease of any State land, State property or State facility, building, structure or installation in Maricopa County, Pima County and Pinal County shall require the buyer, lessee or tenant to mitigate emissions of particulate matter or ozone-causing pollutants from any indirect source of air pollutants to be constructed or operated thereon.
7. In compliance with requirements to be developed by ADEQ in consultation with ADOA, any State agency that

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constructs, contracts for the construction of, or provides funding for the construction of, any facility, building, structure or installation in Maricopa County, Pima County or Pinal County that is an indirect source of particulate matter or ozone-causing pollutants shall mitigate emissions of those pollutants and/or require that such emissions be mitigated.

8. In consultation with ADEQ, ADOT further shall require that each jurisdiction that receives funds from ADOT for road construction, expansion, modification or repairs within Maricopa County shall certify annually to ADOT that, during the preceding twelve-month period, the jurisdiction has met its commitments under the existing State Implementation Plan to use PM₁₀ efficient vacuum street sweepers at least weekly, to pave roads, alleys and shoulders (including quantifying the paving) and to install curbing.
9. In compliance with requirements to be developed by ADEQ, any State agency that engages in construction or renovation activities on State property or at a State facility, building, structure or installation in Maricopa County, Pima County and Pinal County shall suppress, and require its contractor(s) to suppress, emissions of dust from such construction or renovation activities.
10. As directed in Executive Order 2006-13, in consultation with ADEQ and to the maximum extent allowed by federal law, ADOT shall develop and implement a pilot program to allow designated hybrid motor vehicles to drive in high-occupancy vehicle lanes on roadways, consistent with the provisions of A.R.S. §§ 28-737 and 28-2416.
11. In compliance with requirements to be developed by ADEQ in consultation with ADOA, any State agency that contracts for the use of on-road or off-road heavy duty diesel equipment in Maricopa County, Pima County and Pinal County shall, subject to relevant state law and where practicable, construct its Requests for Proposals in a manner that gives incentives to bidders that use: equipment retrofitted with diesel retrofit kits; newer clean diesel technologies and fuels; or "green diesel," biodiesel fuel, or other fuels that are cleaner than petroleum diesel.
12. All Trip Reduction materials distributed to State employees shall include public education materials about particulate matter and ozone pollution and shall encourage employees to take steps to reduce emissions of these pollutants.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 8th day of January in the Year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-First.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
SECRETARY OF STATE

Executive Order 2007-04
Improving Water Infrastructure

[M07-10]

WHEREAS, based on the most recent data, Arizona communities have over \$9.1 billion in drinking water infrastructure needs, and over \$6.3 billion in wastewater infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS, many Arizona communities have significant cash flow challenges to addressing their drinking water and wastewater infrastructure needs that can be alleviated by access to 30-year financing for water infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1554.02, the Greater Arizona Development Authority within the Department of Commerce (GADA) is authorized to provide up to 30-year low-interest financing for the development and construction of a broad range of public infrastructure projects, including drinking water and wastewater infrastructure projects; and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to A.R.S. § 49-1203, the Water Infrastructure Financing Authority of Arizona (WIFA) is authorized to finance drinking water and wastewater infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, WIFA is restricted by federal law to financing terms of no more than 20 years on wastewater projects (unless a project meets stringent federal guidelines), and is restricted by current WIFA policy to no more than 20-year financing on drinking water projects; and

WHEREAS, while WIFA can provide up to 30-year financing for wastewater infrastructure projects to certain communities in limited situations, certain other communities remain restricted to no more than 20-year financing for their wastewater projects; and

WHEREAS, through joint financings, GADA can partner with WIFA to provide up to an additional 10 years of financing for such communities;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Arizona, do hereby order as follows:

1. The Department of Environmental Quality shall work with WIFA to develop policies and procedures to provide up to 30-year financing for drinking and wastewater projects to the extent allowed by law; and
2. The Departments of Environmental Quality and Commerce shall work together and with WIFA and GADA to develop policies and procedures to provide joint financing for up to 30 years for drinking and wastewater infrastructure projects where appropriate and as needed by Arizona communities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 8th day of January in the Year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-First.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
SECRETARY OF STATE

Executive Order 2007-05
Promoting Smarter Growth

[M07-11]

WHEREAS, Arizona is now the fastest growing state in the nation, adding new residents at the rate of 3.6 percent annually; and

WHEREAS, complex growth issues, including those related to housing, transportation, water, public lands, air quality, schools and job centers, are emerging throughout every community in this state, and these issues require a comprehensive and coordinated approach across state, local, county and Tribal jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, in order to create and maintain the quality of life that Arizona citizens demand, we must integrate land use planning and development with vital infrastructure planning and development; and

WHEREAS, critical infrastructure must be built in a manner that contemplates the effects of development on our water quality, air quality and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, in February 2006, I directed my cabinet agencies whose missions involve growth and infrastructure planning and development to form an informal "Growth Cabinet" to coordinate agency activities and better and more efficiently serve the public; and

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WHEREAS, in light of the State's growth, it is appropriate and desirable to formalize and provide more specific direction to the Growth Cabinet;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this State, hereby order and direct as follows:

1. The Governor's Growth Cabinet is formally created, consisting of the directors or their designees of the following state agencies, together with such other members as the Governor may hereafter appoint:
Arizona Department of Transportation
Game and Fish Department
Department of Housing
Department of Environmental Quality
Department of Economic Security
Department of Health Services
Department of Water Resources
Department of Commerce
Department of Real Estate
State Land Department
State Parks Department
School Facilities Board
Office of Tourism
Department of Agriculture
2. The Growth Cabinet shall collaborate with cities, towns and Tribal communities to develop and implement a smart growth and development process that integrates land and water use planning and development with the planning and development of existing and future state infrastructure.
3. Agencies within the Growth Cabinet shall, to the extent permitted by law, direct future discretionary funding to applicant communities that agree to participate in and abide by this smart growth and development process.
4. The Growth Cabinet shall present to my office within 120 days an implementation plan that meets these objectives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 8th day of January in the Year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-First.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
SECRETARY OF STATE

Executive Order 2007-06
Building 21st Century Schools

[M07-12]

WHEREAS, to prepare students for the 21st Century, Arizona must immediately modernize the delivery of K-12 education and better align its schools with contemporary work and college requirements; and

WHEREAS, modern schools with relevant infrastructure for learning and discovery are key to student and teacher achievement; and

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WHEREAS, individualized instruction enhances learning and the likelihood that students will stay in school; and

WHEREAS, school campuses must be appropriate settings for students to learn and grow and should not isolate students from sustained teacher and peer interaction; and

WHEREAS, specialized facilities that meet schools' and students' individual program needs will be essential to successfully preparing students for the 21st Century economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this State, hereby order and direct as follows:

1. The School Facilities Board shall, in consultation with Arizona school districts, prepare a report no later than October 1, 2007 containing specific recommendations for how the state can build 21st Century schools to best serve Arizona's students. The report shall include specific recommendations on how best to:
 - enhance ability of teachers and students to integrate technology into teaching and learning;
 - create personalized instructional environments that best match teaching programs with individual student needs;
 - foster productive relationship-building between teachers and students;
 - ensure the safety of all students and school personnel;
 - maximize energy and water efficiency; and
2. The report shall also analyze and make recommendations regarding school size and its impact on learning, the impact of class size initiatives on school construction, and the best way to pay for new schools the state needs.
3. Copies of the final report shall be provided to the Governor, the President of the Arizona Senate, and the Speaker of the Arizona House of Representatives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 8th day of January in the Year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-First.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
SECRETARY OF STATE

* CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK *

[M07-01]

WHEREAS, Catholic schools are committed to providing young students of all races and creeds with an education that emphasizes academic and moral values; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools serve 7,500 students in the Diocese of Tucson, providing opportunities for a quality education to children of all faiths and income levels; and

WHEREAS, each year people nationwide celebrate Catholic Schools Week to recognize the accomplishments of Catholic primary and secondary schools across the country, with this year's theme being "**Catholic Schools: The Good News in Education**";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim January 28 through February 3, 2007, as

* CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK *

in this community and urge citizens to participate in the wide range of activities that will be held in our community to exemplify the best of Catholic education.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-eighty day of December in the Year Two Thousand and Six and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirtieth-first.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
SECRETARY OF STATE

*** PEACE CORPS WEEK ***

[M07-03]

WHEREAS, the Peace Corps has become an enduring symbol of our nation's commitment to encourage progress, create opportunity, and expand development at the grass-roots level in the developing world; and

WHEREAS, more than 187,000 Americans have served as Peace Corps Volunteers in 139 countries since 1961; and

WHEREAS, over the past 46 years, 2,951 men and women from the state of Arizona have responded to our nation's call to serve by joining the Peace Corps; and

WHEREAS, Peace Corps Volunteers have made significant and lasting contributions around the world in agriculture, business development, information technology, education, health and HIV/AIDS, and the environment, and have improved the lives of individuals and communities around the world; and

WHEREAS, Peace Corps Volunteers have strengthened the ties of friendship and understanding between the people of the United States and those of other countries; and

WHEREAS, Peace Corps Volunteers, enriched by their experiences overseas, have brought their communities throughout the United States a deeper understanding of other cultures and traditions, thereby bringing a domestic dividend to our nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim February 26 through March 4, 2007, as

*** PEACE CORPS WEEK ***

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this fifth day of January in the Year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-first.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
SECRETARY OF STATE

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*** LADIES AUXILIARY VFW ***

[M07-04]

WHEREAS, this is the 93rd year of volunteer service provided by the over 600,000 members of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, who represent the families of those men and women who have sacrificed for America by protecting our freedom; and

WHEREAS, the Ladies Auxiliary VFW supports troops now serving in supports the troops currently deployed in the War on Terrorism; and

WHEREAS, year after year members honor those who have sacrificed in the previous wars by volunteering more than 2 million hours in Veterans Affairs Medical Centers; and

WHEREAS, the Ladies Auxiliary VFW promotes our American heritage by conducting an annual patriotic ceremony and providing financial assistance for the preservation and beautification of one of this country's most treasured symbols of freedom, the Statue of Liberty; and

WHEREAS, the organization provides awards and scholarships to students based on their expressions of patriotism through art, speech, and volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2007, the Ladies Auxiliary National President is visiting Arizona promoting this year's theme; **In the Spirit of America – We are the Champions of America's Cherished Heroes;**

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby declare, January 27, 2007, as a special day to honor the National President and all members of the

*** LADIES AUXILIARY VFW ***

for their outstanding volunteer efforts to serve veterans and their families, the State of Arizona and our great country.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this second day of January in the Year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-first.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
SECRETARY OF STATE

*** HEART MONTH***

[M07-05]

WHEREAS, cardiovascular disease is the nation's leading cause of death with direct and indirect costs estimated to be \$352 billion in 2007; and

WHEREAS, one in five Americans have some form of cardiovascular disease and one in three Americans will die from cardiovascular disease; and

WHEREAS, on February 2nd, Arizonans will wear red, as part of the **Go Red For Women-Wear Red Day** campaign to raise awareness about women and heart disease; and

WHEREAS, nationwide approximately 930,000 Americans die from cardiovascular disease each year, which amounts to one death every 33 seconds; and 14,146 Arizonans died of cardiovascular disease in 2005; and

WHEREAS, the research is clear that the risk factors for heart disease and stroke – such as diabetes, tobacco use, physical

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inactivity, poor nutrition, and overweight and obesity – need to be addressed through lifestyle changes; and

WHEREAS, efforts of the American Heart Association encourage citizens to help save lives by learning the signs of sudden cardiac arrest, calling 9-1-1 if they occur, being trained in CPR, and encouraging public awareness about healthy lifestyles, increasing the focus on prevention among healthcare providers, and supporting legislative action to increase funding for and access to prevention programs and research their communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim February 2007 as

*** HEART MONTH 2007***

in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease in Arizona and urge all citizens to recognize the critical importance of tools and skills that will increase survival rates from cardiovascular disease.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this fifth day of January in the Year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-first.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
SECRETARY OF STATE

*** FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA WEEK ***

[M07-06]

WHEREAS, the Future Farmers of America (FAA) and agriculture education programs provide a strong foundation for the youth of America and the future of agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the FAA promotes premiere leadership, personal growth, and career success among its members; and

WHEREAS, agricultural education and the FFA ensure a steady supply of young professionals to meet the growing demands in the science, business, and technology of agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the FFA motto, "Learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live, living to serve," gives direction of purpose to these students who strive to become leaders with a vision; and

WHEREAS, the FFA performs the valuable service of encouraging cooperation, promoting good citizenship, and inspiring patriotism among its members;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim the week of February 17 – February 24, 2007 as

*** FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA WEEK ***

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this second day of January in the Year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-first.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
SECRETARY OF STATE